

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 and add new Claim 8 to read as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below.

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1. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus for recording on a recording material by use of a recording head, said apparatus comprising:

a carriage for mounting a recording head; and

~~a pressurized connector fixed to said carriage for electrically connecting~~

~~said recording head mounted on said carriage with a control circuit, said pressurized~~

~~connector being fixed to the wall face opposite to said recording head mounted on said~~

~~carriage~~ a carriage circuit board having a connector electrically connectable to the

recording head mounted on said carriage, said connector having a pressurized pin formed

of metal and said carriage circuit board being attached to a wall surface where said

carriage is opposed to the recording head

2. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ fixation of ~~the pressurized~~ said connector to said carriage is made by contact pressure between said ~~pressurized~~ connector and said carriage.

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Claim 3 (cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a carriage cover having a guiding portion for installing ~~said~~ the recording head on said carriage is ~~installed~~ provided on said carriage.

5. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein ~~for said carriage cover~~ a hiding portion for hiding ~~said~~ a carriage base plate is ~~formed, besides~~ formed on said carriage cover along with said guiding portion.

6. (Original) A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said recording head is an ink jet recording head for discharging ink from ink discharge ports.

7. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said ~~recording head is an~~ ink jet recording head ~~provided with~~ comprises an electrothermal converting element for generating thermal energy to be utilized for discharging ink.

8. (New) A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said carriage circuit board has a detection portion of an encoder for detecting a position of said carriage.

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